
ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

June 30, 2005

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ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2005

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Members of the Ascension Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ascension Parish School Board (the School Board), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School Board, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 21, 2005, on our consideration of the Ascension Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants, agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 8 and 40 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion to it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information on pages 41 through 54 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included in the performance and statistical data on pages 62 through 76 have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

November 21, 2005

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MANAGEMENT' S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

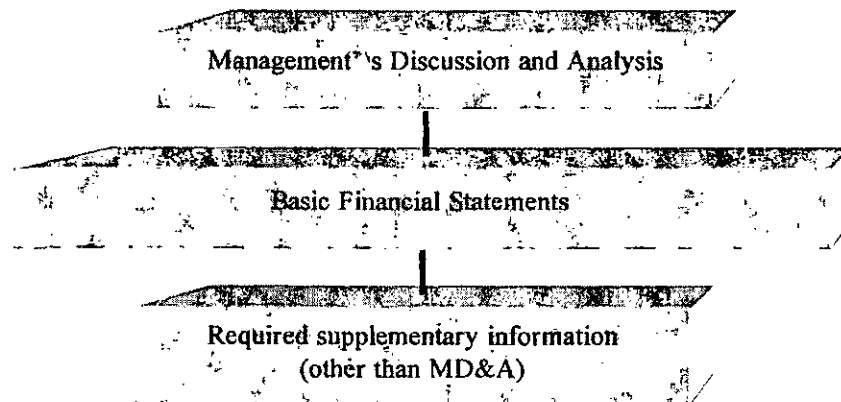
The Management' s Discussion and Analysis of the Ascension Parish School Board' s financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of Ascension Parish School Board' s financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2005. This document focuses on the current year' s activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year' s information (where available).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The Ascension Parish School Board' s assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2005 by \$79,202,902.
- ★ Revenues exceeded expenses \$6,662,162 at the end of the year.
- ★ State MFP funding increased by approximately \$3 million from prior year.
- ★ Investments decreased by the approximately \$1.7 million or 4.9% from 2004. These funds were used primarily to payoff the construction the new Lowery School.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business-Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management' s Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.



These financial statements consist of four sections - Management' s Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), required supplementary information, and an optional section that presents combining statements for nonmajor governmental funds and internal service funds.

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Government -wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School Board's finances, in a manner similar to private sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the School Board's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the school Board is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods. (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned by unused sick leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements present functions of the School Board that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The School Board has no functions or activities which are business-like in nature, meaning that they are primarily supported by user fees and charges for services, such as a municipally owned utility system. The governmental activities of the School Board include regular and special education programs, support services, administration, maintenance, student transportation, and school food services. The school Board contains no other units of government (component units) nor is it contained as a component unit of any other level of local or state government.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over the resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School Board, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School Board can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources available* at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near term financial requirements. Because of the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long term impact of the School Board's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. The School Board maintains dozens of individual

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Governmental funds (continued)

governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the government fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, and the Parishwide Sinking Fund, both of which are considered major funds.

The remaining funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation under the label of other governmental funds, which contains all non-major funds. Individual fund data for each of these non-major funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The School Board adopts annual appropriated budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Budgets were not adopted for Capital Projects Funds and Debt Service Funds. As such, a budget to actual was not prepared for the Parishwide Sinking although it was classified as a major fund.

Proprietary funds- Services for which the Board charges a fee are to be reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short-term financial information.

The School board uses internal service funds (the other kind of proprietary fund) to report activities that provide insurance and services for the Board's other programs and activities- such as the Board's Self-Insurance Fund.

Fiduciary funds- Fiduciary Funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of outside parties such as students. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because of the resources of those funds are not available to support the School Board's programs. The sole fiduciary fund of the School board is the School Activity Fund, which contains monies belonging to the schools, their students, and clubs and other activities.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

Statement of Net Assets

	2005	2004	change
Cash and other assets	\$ 10,059,411	\$ 6,411,807	\$ 3,647,604
Receivables	7,098,042	6,525,060	572,982
Investments	33,961,086	35,693,481	(1,732,395)
Capital assets, net	96,607,239	96,432,588	174,651
Total assets	<u>147,725,778</u>	<u>145,062,936</u>	<u>2,662,842</u>
Other liabilities	3,553,554	4,118,672	(565,118)
Claims payable	1,250,290	0	1,250,290
Payroll and related withholdings	13,060,224	14,875,934	(1,815,710)
Compensated Absences Payable	2,378,808	2,687,590	(308,782)
Bonds payable	48,280,000	50,840,000	(2,560,000)
Total liabilities	<u>68,522,876</u>	<u>72,522,196</u>	<u>(3,999,320)</u>
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	48,327,239	45,592,588	2,734,651
Reserved for Debt Service	7,567,395	4,942,124	2,625,271
Unrestricted	23,308,268	22,006,028	1,302,240
Total net assets	<u>\$ 79,202,902</u>	<u>\$ 72,540,740</u>	<u>\$ 6,662,162</u>

- Investments have decreased approximately 4.9% from prior year.
- Capital assets, which are reported net of accumulated depreciation, account for 65% of the total assets of the School Board for the most recent year ended.
- Bonds payable which have decreased \$2,560,000 or 5% from prior year account for 70% of total liabilities reported.
- Net assets invested in capital assets account for 61% of total net assets reported as of June 30, 2005.
- Unrestricted nets assets accounted for 29.4% and 30.3% of total net assets for the years ended 2005 and 2004, respectively.
- Total net assets have increased by \$6,662,162 or 9.2% from prior year.

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Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>change</u>
Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 1,648,906	\$ 1,587,286	\$ 61,620
Operating grants	14,966,372	14,468,102	498,270
General revenues			
Property taxes	26,704,648	24,048,422	2,656,226
Sales taxes	29,755,177	27,828,477	1,926,700
Earnings on Investments	1,494,257	90,453	1,403,804
MFP	55,028,473	51,984,255	3,044,218
Other	904,518	794,044	110,474
	<u>130,502,351</u>	<u>120,801,039</u>	<u>9,701,312</u>
Expenses			
Regular education	49,412,945	49,212,241	200,704
Special education	18,879,207	19,299,187	(419,980)
Other education	5,965,384	6,135,325	(169,941)
Pupil support	4,969,506	4,743,775	225,731
Instructional staff	5,147,033	4,757,280	389,753
General administrative	5,261,260	4,786,490	474,770
School administrative	5,337,603	5,521,668	(184,065)
Business services	1,204,124	1,187,801	16,323
Plant operation	10,210,784	10,163,375	47,409
Student transportation	5,324,591	5,078,638	245,953
Central service	2,096,961	1,689,118	407,843
Food service	6,100,346	6,087,598	12,748
Facility acquisition and construction	1,235,524	1,104,829	130,695
General administrative	251,743	234,606	17,137
Interest and bank charges	2,596,819	3,186,611	(589,792)
Change in capitalization	(153,641)	2,589,025	(2,742,666)
	<u>123,840,189</u>	<u>125,777,567</u>	<u>(1,937,378)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 6,662,162</u>	<u>\$ (4,976,528)</u>	<u>\$ 11,638,690</u>

Change in net Assets

- Property taxes have increased approximately \$2.6 million from prior year due to growth of the parish. MFP funds increased by 5.86 % from prior year.
- Regular and special education expenses have decreased in total by approximately \$589,921 during the fiscal year.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2005, the Ascension Parish School Board had \$96,607,239 (net of depreciation) invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, building, and equipment. (See Table below)

This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions, and changes in capitalization) of \$174,651, or 1.9%, over last year.

Capital Assets at Year-end
(Net of Depreciation)

	2005	2004	change
Land	\$ 1,275,301	\$ 1,020,301	\$ 255,000
Work in progress	0	22,242,257.00	(22,242,257)
Buildings	88,355,829	65,653,651	22,702,178
Equipment	6,976,109	7,516,379	(540,270)
	<u>\$ 96,607,239</u>	<u>\$ 96,432,588</u>	<u>\$ 174,651</u>

- All of the construction in progress from the prior year for various improvement projects and the completion of the new Lowery school has been completed and placed in service during the 2005 fiscal year end.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the School Board had bonded debt outstanding of \$48,280,000. This was a 5% decrease in bonds payable over last year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

VARIATIONS BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGETS

There were no amendments to the budget during the fiscal year.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

Growth of the parish should be consistent prior years growth.

The Ascension Parish School Board's elected and appointed officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fees. These factors and indicators include:

- Property tax millages will be the same as prior years.
- Expenditures are expected to remain consistent with current years.

The Ascension Parish School Board expects that next year's results to be consistent with the current year.

CONTACTING THE ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School Board's finances for those with an interest in the government's financial position and operations. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to Kathleen Hebert, Business Manager, Ascension parish School Board, P.O. Box 189, Donaldsonville, LA 70346.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

June 30, 2005

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,774,881
Investments	33,961,086
Receivables	7,098,042
Inventory	197,853
Deferred financing costs	80,792
Other assets	5,885
Land, building , and equipment, net	<u>96,607,239</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 147,725,778</u>
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LIABILITIES

Salaries payable	\$ 6,778,815
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	6,281,409
Accounts payable	2,311,348
Deferred revenues	532,357
Claims payable	1,250,290
Interest Payable	709,849
Compensated absences payable	2,378,808
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	3,060,000
Due in more than one year	<u>45,220,000</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>68,522,876</u>
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NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	48,327,239
Restricted for debt service	7,567,395
Unrestricted	<u>23,308,268</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 79,202,902</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2005

	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Asset
			Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
					Governmental Unit
Functions/Programs					
Instruction:					
Regular education programs	\$49,412,945	\$ -	\$ 18,433	\$ -	(\$49,394,512)
Special education programs	18,879,207	-	5,255,973	-	(13,623,234)
Other education programs	5,965,384	-	3,793,068	-	(2,172,316)
Support Services:					
Pupil support services	4,969,506	-	309,426	-	(4,660,080)
Instructional staff services	5,147,033	-	831,054	-	(4,315,979)
General administration services	5,261,260	-	587,032	-	(4,674,228)
School administration services	5,337,603	-	-	-	(5,337,603)
Business services	1,204,124	-	64,581	-	(1,139,543)
Plant operation and maintenance	10,210,784	-	395	-	(10,210,389)
Student transportation services	5,324,591	-	224,594	-	(5,099,997)
Central services	2,096,961	-	2,500	-	(2,094,461)
Non-Instructional Services:					
Food service	6,100,346	1,648,906	3,747,264	-	(704,176)
Facility acquisition and construction	1,235,524	-	-	-	(1,235,524)
Debt Service:					
General administration services	251,743	-	-	-	(251,743)
Interest and bank charges	2,596,819	-	-	-	(2,596,819)
Change in capitalization	(153,641)	-	-	-	153,641
Total Governmental Activities	123,840,189	1,648,906	14,834,320	-	(\$107,356,963)
Local sources					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem					26,704,648
Sales and use taxes					29,755,177
Earnings on investments					1,494,257
Other					714,571
State sources					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid (MFP)					55,028,473
Other					321,999
Total general revenues and special items					114,019,125
Excess of revenues over expenses					6,662,162
Net Assets - July 1, 2004					72,540,740
Net Assets - June 30, 2005					\$79,202,902

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet

JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Parishwide Sinking	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,771,430	\$ 1,358,792	\$ 317,309	\$ 9,447,531
Investments	28,272,173	5,688,913	-	33,961,086
Receivables	4,418,361	-	2,679,681	7,098,042
Due from other funds	2,151,456	192,853	1,395,530	3,739,839
Inventory	127,365	-	70,488	197,853
Other assets	-	-	5,885	5,885
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 42,740,785</u>	<u>\$ 7,240,558</u>	<u>\$ 4,468,893</u>	<u>\$ 54,450,236</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ 5,912,320	\$ -	\$ 866,495	\$ 6,778,815
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	5,999,644	-	281,765	6,281,409
Accounts payable	1,368,702	-	942,646	2,311,348
Deferred revenues	464,962	29,758	37,637	532,357
Due to other funds	4,153,324	28,716	1,964,054	6,146,094
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>17,898,952</u>	<u>58,474</u>	<u>4,092,597</u>	<u>22,050,023</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for debt service		7,182,084	385,311	7,567,395
Unreserved, undesignated	24,841,833	-	(9,015)	24,832,818
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>24,841,833</u>	<u>7,182,084</u>	<u>376,296</u>	<u>32,400,213</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 42,740,785</u>	<u>\$ 7,240,558</u>	<u>\$ 4,468,893</u>	<u>\$ 54,450,236</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2005

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	32,400,213
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2005	148,116,736	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation as of June 30, 2005:		
Buildings	(34,528,399)	
Movable property	<u>(16,981,098)</u>	96,607,239
Internal Service Funds		1,483,315
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2005:		
Bonds Payable	(48,280,000)	
Accrued interest payable	(709,849)	
Compensated absences payable	(2,378,808)	
Deferred financing costs	<u>80,792</u>	<u>(51,287,865)</u>
Total net assets at June 30, 2005 - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>79,202,902</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Parishwide Sinking	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 19,210,238	\$ 7,494,410	\$ -	\$ 26,704,648
Sales and use tax	29,755,177	-	-	29,755,177
Earnings on investments	920,817	556,825	16,615	1,494,257
Other	714,571	-	1,648,906	2,363,477
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	54,404,473	-	624,000	55,028,473
Restricted grants-in-aid	1,982,346	-	141,023	2,123,369
Other	321,999	-	-	321,999
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	2,460	-	12,695,334	12,697,794
TOTAL REVENUES	107,312,081	8,051,235	15,125,878	130,489,194
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	49,915,724	-	18,433	49,934,157
Special education programs	13,780,823	-	5,255,973	19,036,796
Other education programs	4,185,682	-	1,942,774	6,128,456
Support services:				
Pupil support services	4,643,528	-	309,426	4,952,954
Instructional staff services	4,298,836	-	831,054	5,129,890
General administration services	2,233,863	-	-	2,233,863
School administration services	5,319,825	-	-	5,319,825
Business services	1,135,533	-	64,581	1,200,114
Plant operation and maintenance	10,301,985	-	395	10,302,380
Student transportation services	5,227,386	-	224,594	5,451,980
Central Services	2,378,082	-	2,500	2,380,582
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	3,432	-	6,085,078	6,088,510
Facility acquisition and construction	152,055	-	4,647,111	4,799,166
Debt service:				
General administration	-	251,743	-	251,743
Principal retirement	-	2,560,000	-	2,560,000
Interest and bank charges	1,673	2,614,611	-	2,616,284
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	103,578,427	5,426,354	19,381,919	128,386,700
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,733,654	\$ 2,624,881	\$ (4,256,041)	\$ 2,102,494

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Parishwide Sinking	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Operating transfers in	\$ 399,089	\$ -	\$ 413,487	\$ 812,576
Sale of Surplus	13,157	-	-	13,157
Operating transfers out	(413,487)	-	(399,089)	(812,576)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,241)	-	14,398	13,157
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>	3,732,413	2,624,881	(4,241,643)	2,115,651
Fund balances, June 30, 2004	21,109,420	4,557,203	4,617,939	30,284,562
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2005	<u>\$ 24,841,833</u>	<u>\$7,182,084</u>	<u>\$ 376,296</u>	<u>\$ 32,400,213</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS -
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Total Net Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 2,115,651
Capital Assets:		
Capital outlay capitalized	5,071,764	
Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2005	(5,039,793)	
Changes in capitalization of fixed assets	153,640	
Difference on gain of sale of fixed assets	<u>(10,961)</u>	174,650
Change in net assets of internal service funds		1,483,315
Long Term Debt:		
Principal portion of debt service payments	2,560,000	
Excess of interest paid over interest accrued	36,520	
Change in Deferred financing cost	(16,756)	
Excess of compensated absences used over amounts earned	<u>308,782</u>	<u>2,888,546</u>
Change in Net Assets - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 6,662,162</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND-INTERNAL SERVICE
JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 327,350
Due from other funds	<u>2,757,795</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 3,085,145</u>

LIABILITIES

Claims payable	\$ 1,250,290
Due to other funds	<u>351,540</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>1,601,830</u>

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>1,483,315</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,483,315</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND-INTERNAL SERVICE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

OPERATING REVENUES

Premiums received	\$ 24,678,513
Earnings on investments	<u>2,533</u>
Total revenues	24,681,046

OPERATING EXPENSES

Claims expense	22,135,827
General administration services	<u>1,061,904</u>
Total expenses	23,197,731

Change in net assets	1,483,315
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Total net assets - beginning	<u>-</u>
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Total net assets - ending	<u><u>\$ 1,483,315</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash premiums received	\$ 24,678,513
Cash paid in claims and benefits	(20,885,537)
Cash paid for expenses	(1,061,904)
Interest received	2,533
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,733,605</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Advances to other funds	(2,406,255)
Net cash used by non capital financing activities	<u>(2,406,255)</u>

Cash and cash equivalents - July 1, 2004

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Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2005

\$ 327,350

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating income	\$ 1,483,315
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities -	
Increase in Claims payable	1,250,290
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 2,733,605</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,851,232
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,851,232</u>

LIABILITIES

Deposits due others	\$ 1,851,232
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>\$ 1,851,232</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ascension Parish School Board (School Board) is a corporate body created under Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:51. A board consisting of 11 members (the Board) elected from legally established districts is charged with the management and operation of the school system.

The school system is composed of a central office, and 21 schools. Student enrollment as of October 2004 was approximately 16,500. The regular school term normally begins during the latter half of August and runs until the end of May.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the School Board conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic financial Statements – and Managements discussion and Analysis – for State and local Governments*, issued June 1999. The following is a summary of the School Board's significant policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the school board is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, fiscally independent means that the school board may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The school board also has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 as other legally separate organizations for which the elected school board members are financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the school board has a significant relationship.

B. Fund Accounting

The financial transactions of the School Board are recorded in individual funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain school board functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

Funds of the school board are classified into three broad categories: Governmental, Proprietary and Fiduciary, as discussed below.

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of the school board's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of the current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the school board. The following are the school board's primary governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School Board. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Proprietary Fund:

Internal Service Funds- Internal Service Funds are used to account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Fund:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in the net assets. The only fund accounted for in this category by the school board is the agency fund. Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by The Board in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations or other governmental units and/or other funds. Consequently, the agency fund has no measurement focus, but utilizes the accrual basis of accounting.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of Presentation

The School Board's Basic Financial Statements consist of the government-wide statements on all of the non-fiduciary funds activities and fund financial statements (individual major fund and combined non-major fund). The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide financial statements and the propriety fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict or contradict guidance of the GASB.

D. Measurement Focus/ Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the school board, except for the Fiduciary Fund. The Fiduciary Fund is only reported in the Statement of Net Fiduciary Assets at the Fund Financial Statement level.

The GWFS were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from the exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB No. 33, *Accounting and Reporting for Nonexchange transactions*.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from parties outside of the school board's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the school board's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The school board reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable by function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense which can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on the buildings is assigned to the general administration function due to the fact that school buildings serve multiple purposes. Interest on long term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Measurement Focus/ Basis of Accounting (continued)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Governmental Funds

The accounting and financial reporting treatments applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All Governmental Funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. The Proprietary Fund type is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus (accrual basis). With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Governmental Funds are accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become measurable and available to pay current period liabilities. Such revenue items are ad valorem taxes, sales taxes and state and federal entitlements. Sales and use taxes and ad valorem taxes are considered "available" when expected to be collected within the next two months. Revenue from state and federal grants is recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been incurred.

Proprietary Funds- Internal Service funds consist solely of those established to account for self-insurance programs. Premium revenues are considered operating revenues while all other revenues are non-operating.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Costs of accumulated unpaid vacation, sick leave and other employee benefit amounts are reported in the period due and payable rather than the period earned by employees and general long-term obligations principal and interest payments are recognized only when due.

E. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The School Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the combined financial statements:

The General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds are the only funds with legally required budgets. All of the Special Revenue Funds have legally required budgets. The General Fund budget and the Special Revenue Funds' budgets are adopted on an annual basis.

Prior to September 15, the Superintendent submits to the Board a proposed annual appropriated budget for the General Fund for the fiscal year commencing the prior July 1.

The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Budget and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

Prior to September 15, the General Fund budget is legally enacted through adoption by the Board.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Formal budgetary integration is not employed for the Debt Service Fund because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through general obligation bond indenture provisions.

Unencumbered appropriations in the General Fund lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board. Legally the Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. State statutes require the Board to amend its budgets when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or expenditures within a fund are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. The School Board approves budgets at the fund level and management can transfer amounts between line items.

Special Revenue Funds' budgets that are not grant-oriented have annual appropriated budgets adopted prior to September 15 by the Board. Grant funds are included in Special Revenue Funds and their budgets are adopted at the time the grant applications are approved by the grantor. Unencumbered appropriations of grant-oriented Special Revenue Funds are reappropriated at the beginning of the following fiscal year. Unencumbered appropriations of certain nongrant-oriented Special Revenue Funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The Capital Projects Fund budget is adopted on a project basis as projects are approved by the Board. By statute, the Board is not required to adopt a budget for its Capital Projects Fund; therefore, these funds utilize project budgets rather than annual budgets and accountability is controlled over the life of the project. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

All budget amounts presented in the combined financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year. All budget revisions are approved by the 11-member Board.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and certificates of deposits with maturity dates within three months of the dates acquired.

The School Board maintains nine bank accounts, exclusive of the individual schools' bank accounts, with the School Board's fiscal agent bank. These nine accounts are the consolidated cash account and eight interest bearing accounts for disbursements of payrolls, disbursements to vendors, and bond debt payments. As of June 30, 2005, there were no cash overdrafts with the fiscal agent bank.

The School Board maintains separate "book" cash accounts for each separate fund. Negative book cash balances appear in the combined financial statements as a liability, "Due to Other Funds."

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. Investments

The Ascension Parish School Board may also invest in U. S. government securities, debentures, and other allowable obligations issued on guaranteed by federal agencies provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America. Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value was determined using quoted market prices.

Investment income includes interest earned, realized gains and losses, and unrealized gains and losses (changes in fair value).

H. Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market based on information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The costs of inventory items are recognized as expenditures when used.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where the actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. The system for the accumulation of fixed asset cost data does not provide the means for determining the percentage of assets valued at actual and those valued at estimated cost. The School Board maintains a threshold level of \$ 1,000 for capitalizing assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not recorded in the FFS. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purposes by the school board, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives are approximately 40 years for buildings and 3 to 20 years for equipment.

The School Board does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks and parking lots. Amounts expended for such items prior to June 30, 2001 were considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other immovable property such as stadiums. In the future, if such items are built or constructed, and appear to be material in cost compared to all capital assets, they will be capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives as with all other capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

J. Reserves and Designations

Portions of fund balances are reserved for future use and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Designations of unreserved fund balances in Governmental Fund types indicate the School Board's plans for the use of financial resources in a future period.

K. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the School Board has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets and service debt. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as operating transfers.

L. Sales and Use Tax

The voters of Ascension Parish authorized the School Board to levy and collect a two percent parishwide sales and use tax. A one percent tax approved on June 12, 1965, and amended on July 19, 1967, is to be used for teachers' salaries, expenses of operating the schools, and if budgeted, up to 25 percent for capital improvements. The other one percent sales and use tax, approved by the voters on April 5, 1980, and rededicated on April 5, 1981, is to be used as follows:

1. For the costs of collecting sales and use tax.
2. For debt service and bond reserve requirements; however, bonds must not be issued in an amount that will require payments in excess of 25 percent of net proceeds of the tax established by the latest school board budget.
3. Sixty percent of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax is to be used for salaries and related employee benefits.
4. Ten percent of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax is to be used for the operation and maintenance of the public elementary and secondary schools.
5. The remainder of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax shall be used for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

M. Compensated Absences

Teachers and other school employees accrue from 10 to 12 days of sick leave per year depending upon the number of months worked. Sick leave may be accumulated without limitation. Upon death or retirement, unused accumulated sick leave of up to 25 days is paid to employees or their heirs at the employee's current rate of pay. The accrual computation for earned sick leave is calculated on a 25-day maximum per employee. Sick leave is not payable upon discharge or termination. Upon retirement, accumulated sick leave is used in the retirement benefit computation as earned service.

All 12-month employees earn from 10 to 20 days of annual vacation leave per year depending on length of service with the School Board.

In Governmental Fund types, sick and vacation leave that has been claimed by employees as of the end of the fiscal year is recorded as an expenditure in the year claimed. Sick leave accrued as of the end of the fiscal year is valued using employees' current rates of pay. Accrued sick leave will be paid from future years' resources. No allowance is made for the immaterial amounts of sick leave forfeited when employees resign or retire.

N. Non-Operating and Operating Revenues- Proprietary Funds

Premium revenues, claims expense and administrative costs customarily associated with self-insurance programs are accounted for as operating revenues and expenses.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Equity in Pooled Cash

The School Board maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds. Positive book cash balances are displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash." Negative book cash balances are included in "Due to Other Funds" on the combined balance sheet.

B. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the School System's deposits may not be returned to them. To mitigate this risk, state law requires deposits to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent financial institution. As of June 30, 2005, \$12,169,739 of the Board's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Securities that may be pledged as collateral consist of obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies, obligations of the State of Louisiana and its municipalities and school districts.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

C. Investments

The School System adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. As of June 30, 2005, the Board had the following investments and maturities:

INVESTMENT MATURITIES (IN YEARS)

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Less Than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>
General Fund				
U.S. Agencies	\$ 28,144,108	\$ 6,033,769	\$ 18,679,190	\$ 3,431,149
Money Market Fund	<u>128,065</u>	<u>128,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	<u>28,272,173</u>	<u>6,161,834</u>	<u>18,679,190</u>	<u>3,431,149</u>
Sinking Fund				
U.S. Agencies	5,676,129	1,685,172	3,990,957	-
Money Market Fund	<u>12,786</u>	<u>12,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	<u>5,688,915</u>	<u>1,697,958</u>	<u>3,990,957</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$33,961,088</u>	<u>\$ 7,859,792</u>	<u>\$ 22,670,147</u>	<u>\$ 3,431,149</u>

Interest Rate Risk- The Board does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk- Under Louisiana R.S. 33:2955, as amended, the School System may invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposits, Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), and other investments as provided in the statute. The Board has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of June 30, 2005, the Board's investment in U.S. Agencies was rated AAA by Moody's Investors Service and AAA by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk- The Board places no limit on the amount the Board may invest in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the Board's investments are in Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Federal National Mortgage Association. These investments are 51.2%, 12.85 and 32.7%, respectively.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. AD VALOREM TAXES

All taxable property in Louisiana is required by law to be assessed annually at a percentage of its fair market value by the Parish Assessor except for public utility property, which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution (Article 7 Section 18) provided that land and improvements for residential purposes be assessed at 10% of fair market value; other property and electric cooperative properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 15% and public service properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 25% of fair market value. Fair market value is determined by the elected assessor of the parish on all property subject to taxation except public service properties, which is valued by the Louisiana Tax Commission (LRS 47:1957). The correctness of assessments by the assessor is subject to review and certification by the Louisiana Tax Commission. The Assessor is required to reappraise all property subject to taxation at intervals of not more than four years. The following is a summary of levied ad valorem taxes for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005.

	<u>Levied Millage</u>
Parishwide taxes:	
Constitutional	3.61
Maintenance	13.79
Bond and interest	15.08
Salaries	<u>20.43</u>
	<u>52.91</u>

The Sheriff of Ascension Parish, as provided by State law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the School Board.

Taxes are due and payable by December 31 of the assessment year, and the lien date is January 1, of the following calendar year.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. AD VALOREM TAXES (continued)

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. Property taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year. If taxes are not paid by the due date, taxes bear interest at the rate of one and one-fourth percent per month until taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

All property taxes are recorded in the General Fund, and Debt Service Fund on the basis explained in note 2C. Revenues in such funds are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Property taxes are considered measurable in the calendar year of the tax levy. Estimated uncollectible taxes are those taxes based on past experience which will not be collected in the subsequent year and are primarily due to subsequent adjustments to the tax roll. Available means due, or past due and receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The remaining property taxes receivable are considered available because they are substantially collected within 60 days subsequent to year end.

Historically, virtually all ad valorem taxes receivable were collected since they are secured by property. Therefore, there is no allowance for uncollectible taxes.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Substantially all employees of the School Board are members of two statewide retirement systems. In general, professional employees (such as teachers and principals) and lunchroom workers are members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; other employees, such as custodial personnel and bus drivers, are members of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by a separate board of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

A. Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRS)

Plan Description. The TRS consists of two membership plans: Regular Plan, Plan A and Plan B. The TRS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The TRS issued a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the TRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Post Office Box 94123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123, or by calling (225) 925-6446.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (continued)

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute 8.0%, 9.1% and 8.0% of their annual covered salary for the Regular Plan, Plan A and Plan B. The School Board is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 15.5 percent of annual covered payroll for all three membership plans. Member contributions and employer contributions for the TRS are established by state law and rates are established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. The School Board's employer contribution for the TRS, as provided by state law, is funded by the State of Louisiana through annual appropriations, by deductions from local ad valorem taxes, and by remittances from the School Board.

The School Board's contributions to the TRS for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$8,600,612, \$7,502,124, and \$7,542,588, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

B. Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Plan Description. The LSERS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The LSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the LSERS. That report may be obtained in writing to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 44516, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling (225) 925-6484.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute 7.50% of their annual covered salary and the School Board is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14.8% of covered payroll. Member contributions and employer contributions for the LSERS are established by state law and rates are established by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. The School Board's employer contribution for the LSERS is funded by the State of Louisiana through annual appropriations.

The School Board's contributions to the LSERS for the years ending June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$816,054, \$465,086, and \$ 0, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

The School Board in accordance with State statutes, provides certain postretirement health care and life insurance benefits to its former employees. Substantially all of the School Board's employees may become eligible for such benefits upon reaching retirement age. The health insurance premiums are paid jointly by the School Board and the State. For the year ended June 30, 2005, the School Board paid approximately 50% of the health insurance premiums for retired employees. The cost of retirement health care is recognized as an expenditure/expense as premiums are paid. For fiscal year 2005, the School Board's cost for providing all health care and life insurance benefits to the 605 retired employees and their dependents amounted to \$4,302,254.

The School Board has a continuing future obligation for life insurance and health care benefits for retired teachers and noninstructional employees and their dependents. This future liability is not funded but will be payable by the General Fund out of future years' operations. Although actuarial consultants estimated that this future liability is significant, current generally accepted accounting principles do not require the School Board to reflect this liability in the basic financial statements. Except for one-half of the dependent coverage, no contributions are required by the retirees to help finance these future benefits, and at the present time, up to one-half of the premiums is paid by the State of Louisiana.

7. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the years ended June 30, 2005:

	<u>Bonded Debt</u>	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>Total</u>
Long-term obligations at June 30, 2004	\$ 50,840,000	\$ 2,687,590	\$ 53,527,590
Additions	-	57,840	57,840
Deductions	(2,560,000)	(366,622)	(2,926,622)
Long-term obligations at June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 48,280,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,378,808</u>	<u>\$ 50,658,808</u>

Compensated absences payable consist of the portion of accumulated sick leave of the governmental funds that is not expected to require current resources.

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7. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

The bonds have maturities from 2006 to 2022 and interest rates from 2.5 to 8 percent. The individual issues are as follows:

	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Final Interest Rates</u>	<u>Payment Due</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>
General Obligation:				
Series 1996	10,000,000	3.8 - 5.95%	2016	2,915,000
Series 1997	10,000,000	4.5 - 8.0%	2017	5,375,000
Series 2000	10,000,000	5.1 - 6.0%	2020	4,330,000
Series 2001	10,000,000	4.25 - 6.50%	2021	8,775,000
Series 2002	11,500,000	4.0 - 5.0%	2022	10,415,000
Series 2003	<u>17,820,000</u>	2.5 - 4.1%	2015	<u>16,470,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 59,435,000</u>			<u>\$ 48,280,000</u>

All principal and interest requirements are funded in accordance with Louisiana law by the annual ad valorem tax levy on taxable property within the parish or by the 1981 sales and use tax. At June 30, 2005, the School Board has accumulated \$7,567,395 in the debt service funds for future debt requirements. The bonds are due as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006	3,060,000	2,129,547	5,189,547
2007	3,171,000	2,012,776	5,182,776
2008	3,500,000	1,886,458	5,386,458
2009	3,655,000	1,747,755	5,402,755
2010	3,810,000	1,600,677	5,410,677
2011-2015	18,320,000	5,509,571	23,829,571
2016-2020	10,230,000	2,123,463	12,353,463
2021-2022	<u>2,535,000</u>	<u>196,070</u>	<u>2,731,070</u>
	<u>\$ 48,280,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,206,317</u>	<u>\$ 65,486,317</u>

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7. GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

On January 1, 2003, the Board issued \$17,820,000 in General Obligation Bonds with an average interest rate of 3.25 percent along with an additional cash contribution of \$4,130,000 for the purpose of (a) current refunding of \$5,640,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, (full redemption on March 1, 2003) dated June 1, 1993, maturing March 1, 2004 to March 1, 2013, inclusive, (b) current refunding \$2,780,000 General Obligation School Bonds, series 1993B, (full redemption on March 1, 2003) dated June 1, 1993, maturing March 1, 2004 to March 1, 2013, inclusive, (c) advance refunding of \$6,425,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1994, dated January 1, 1994, maturing March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2013, inclusive, and (d) advance refunding \$5,640,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1995, dated March 1, 1995, maturing March 1, 2006 to March 1, 2015, inclusive, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:562, the School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt secured by property taxes in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of taxable property. The statutory limit is \$192,750,000, and outstanding bonded debt totals \$48,280,000.

In addition, the School Board is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt secured by sales and use taxes in excess of 75 percent of the avails of the tax as prescribed by LSA-R.S. 33:2728.25(A). The School Board was within this 75 percent limitation in 1980 when the sales tax bonds were issued.

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8. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 is as follows:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Work in Progress</u>	<u>Buildings and Improvements</u>	<u>Equipment and Fixtures</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at June 30, 2004	\$ 1,020,301	\$ 22,242,257	\$ 97,123,932	\$ 22,918,698	\$ 143,305,188
Additions	255,000	-	25,760,296	1,298,725	27,314,021
Deletions	-	(22,242,257)	-	(227,650)	(22,469,907)
Changes in capitalization	-	-	-	(32,566)	(32,566)
Cost at June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 1,275,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$122,884,228</u>	<u>\$ 23,957,207</u>	<u>\$ 148,116,736</u>
Accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2004	\$ -	-	\$ 31,470,281	\$ 15,402,319	\$ 46,872,600
Additions (* see below)	-	-	3,058,118	1,981,675	5,039,793
Deletions	-	-	-	(216,689)	(216,689)
Changes in capitalization	-	-	-	(186,207)	(186,207)
Accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2005	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 34,528,399</u>	<u>\$ 16,981,098</u>	<u>\$ 51,509,497</u>
Capital assets, net of depreciation at June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 1,275,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 88,355,829</u>	<u>\$ 6,976,109</u>	<u>\$ 96,607,239</u>

* Depreciation expense of \$5,039,793 for the year ended June 30, 2005 was charged to the following governmental functions:

Regular Education	\$ 853,593
Special Education	325,422
Other Educational Programs	104,762
Pupil Support Services	84,668
Instructional Staff Services	87,692
General Administrative Services	3,058,118
School Administrative Services	90,939
Business Services	20,515
Plant Operation and Maintenance	176,113
Student Transportation Services	93,198
Central Services	40,695
Food Service	104,079
	<u>\$ 5,039,793</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The School Board is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the board's attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the government.

10. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING APPROPRIATIONS

Excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual funds or departments within the funds occurred as follows:

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Title II	\$ 890,154	\$ 883,887	\$ (6,267)
Special Education	2,791,037	2,693,331	(97,706)
School Lunch	6,053,279	5,920,420	(132,859)

11. DEFERRED REVENUES

In response to increased contribution costs borne by local education agencies, the State of Louisiana appropriated a retirement supplement to the School System in the amount of \$464,962 to offset retirement costs for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Accordingly, the School System has recorded the amount as deferred revenue at June 30, 2005.

12. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2005, were as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ 399,088	\$ 413,487
Non-major governmental funds	413,487	399,088
Total	<u>\$ 812,575</u>	<u>\$ 812,575</u>

Transfers between funds generally consist of two types: 1) Transfers to the general fund from the special revenue funds for indirect cost reimbursements; 2) Transfers from the general fund to other programs to provide supplemental local funds for program operations.

13. DEFICIT FUND EQUITY

The School Lunch Fund and Summer Feeding Fund reported deficit balances as of June 30, 2005 in net assets in the amount of \$\$282,298 and \$9,779, respectively.

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14. DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

During the year, the general fund advances money to other funds that are on a cost-reimbursement basis. Individual balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2005, are as follows:

	<u>Due To Other Funds</u>	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>
Major Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 4,153,324	\$ 2,151,456
Parishwide Sinking	<u>28,716</u>	<u>192,853</u>
Subtotal- Major Governmental Funds	4,182,040	2,344,309
Non-Major Governmental Funds:		
Title VI	9,283	-
Title I	976,500	-
Title II	405,560	-
Title III	10,716	-
Title XIX	-	68,186
Title IV	5,578	300
Vocational education	74,935	-
Adult education	54,022	-
Special Education	104,153	5,693
Head Start	30,098	-
Summer feeding	-	14,878
Bond Sinking	192,852	339,293
K-8 Accountability	-	222,666
Construction fund	-	639,842
School Lunch Fund	-	81,042
ROTC - Fed Portion	30,440	-
Technology Literacy	69,918	-
Starting Points	-	8,480
Project Independence	<u>-</u>	<u>15,150</u>
Subtotal- Non-Major Funds	1,964,054	1,395,530
Proprietary Funds:		
Healthcare Fund	<u>351,540</u>	<u>2,757,795</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,497,634</u>	<u>\$ 6,497,634</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On November 1, 2005, the Board canvassed and declared the results of a \$70,000,000 bond election for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings, including renovations, improvements, and additions to existing school facilities and the purchase of the necessary sites therefore, and the purchase of technology and software and the levying of the tax payment by a vote of 8,552 for and 2,511 against.

In August and September of 2005, south Louisiana was severely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, respectively. The School System did not suffer any significant damages to its facilities. However, the School System did accept and enroll many students displaced from other affected areas. Due to the increased student population and the uncertainty about funding sources, the impact on the basic financial statements is not known at this time.

16. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees health; and natural disasters. During the year ended June 30, 2005, the school board purchased commercial insurance to cover its risks of loss except for health insurance.

On November 1, 2004 the School Board began providing health coverage for its employees. The Health Fund accounts for the School System's group health insurance program for its active and retired employees. The Board is obligated to pay all claims up to \$150,000 per covered person per policy period. A maximum lifetime benefit of \$2,000,000 per employee is allowed.

A liability for a claim is established if information indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable.

A reconciliation of the unpaid claims liability as of June 30 follows:

Unpaid Claims as of July 1, 2004		\$ -
Current year claims incurred and changes in estimates		22,135,827
Claims paid		(20,885,537)
Unpaid claims as of June 30, 2005		\$ 1,250,827

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

FUND DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with the school board which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.

PARISHWIDE FUND

The Parishwide Fund is used to pay the seven parishwide bond issues. The bonds were issued by the School Board for capital improvements. These issues are financed by a special property tax levied on property within the parish.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Original	Final	Actual
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Local sources:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 17,665,000	\$ 17,665,000	\$ 19,210,238
Sales and use tax	28,000,000	28,000,000	29,755,177
Earnings on investments	300,000	300,000	920,817
Other	607,500	607,500	714,571
State sources:			
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	52,882,000	52,882,000	54,404,473
Restricted grants-in-aid	1,970,000	1,970,000	1,982,346
Other	150,000	150,000	321,999
Federal sources:			
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	85,000	85,000	2,460
TOTAL REVENUES	101,659,500	101,659,500	107,312,081
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular education programs	49,380,140	49,380,140	49,915,724
Special education programs	14,481,500	14,481,500	13,780,823
Other education programs	4,282,150	4,282,150	4,185,682
Support services:			
Pupil support services	4,591,800	4,591,800	4,643,528
Instructional staff services	3,927,850	3,927,850	4,298,836
General administration services	2,147,100	2,147,100	2,233,863
School administration services	5,347,620	5,347,620	5,319,825
Business services	1,157,610	1,157,610	1,135,533
Plant operation and maintenance	10,433,210	10,433,210	10,301,985
Student transportation services	5,524,300	5,524,300	5,227,386
Central Services	2,966,112	2,966,112	2,378,082
Non-Instructional services:			
Food service	-	-	3,432
Facility acquisition and construction	132,510	132,510	152,055
Debt service:			
Interest and bank charges	-	-	1,673
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	104,371,902	104,371,902	103,578,427
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,712,402)	(2,712,402)	3,733,654
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Operating transfers in	250,000	250,000	399,089
Sale of Surplus	-	-	13,157
Operating transfers out	-	-	(413,487)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	250,000	250,000	(1,241)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(2,462,402)	(2,462,402)	3,732,413
Fund balance, June 30, 2004	21,109,420	21,109,420	21,109,420
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2005	\$ 18,647,018	\$ 18,647,018	\$ 24,841,833

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT FUNDS

Title I includes programs in the areas of language development, reading and math. These programs strive to meet the special needs of economically and educationally deprived children through federal funding for teachers, aides, instructional materials, equipment and parental involvement.

Title V is a program by which the federal government provides money to assist in the area of academic readiness, reduction of suspensions and expulsions, in-service training for noncertified personnel, equipment for reduction of crime and vandalism, instructional materials and equipment for non-English speaking students, and engineering materials and equipment.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS

Public Law 101-476 is a federally financed program providing free appropriate education for all identified handicapped children from 3 to 21 years of age in the least restrictive environment.

Public Law 89-313 is a federally financed program providing "per child" funding that follows the child as he leaves his facility and enters public schools or day developmental training programs.

TITLE IV

The Drug Free School Fund is a federally funded program which provides drug abuse and prevention education for all students of Ascension Parish.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUND

The Vocational Education Fund accounts for a program designed to administer various vocational programs which provide vocational training and assistance.

HEAD START FUND

The Head Start Fund is a federally financed program to provide comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services to economically disadvantaged children and their families and to involve parents in their childrens' activities so that the children will attain overall social competence.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

The Adult Education Fund accounts for federal and state programs that provide classes to individuals who are not high school graduates. Instruction is given until the student passes the GED test, which is equivalent to receiving a high school diploma.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

EDUCATION FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT - TITLE II FUND

The Job Training Program Fund under the Project Job Partnership Training Act (JPTA) is a federally funded program which provides opportunities for disadvantaged students to prepare for careers in clerical, marketing, child care, auto body repair and mechanic, nursing assistance, and food service through on-the-job training and placement.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND

The Workforce Investment Fund is a federally funded program to provide training to persons currently receiving welfare assistance so that they may enter the workforce and become less dependent upon public assistance programs.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

The Computer Technology Equipment Fund accounts for proceeds from the 1996 Bond Issue to purchase technological and computer equipment.

ROTC-FEDERAL PORTION

The ROTC fund is a federally funded program designed to teach self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills for students in grades 9 through 12.

TITLE III FUND

The Title III Fund is a federally funded program by which grants are required under "Goals 2000" for innovative new programs for the benefit of the school system.

TITLE XIX FUND

The Title XIX Fund is a federally financed program to provide comprehensive preventative health services as authorized by the Public Health Service Act, Title XIX.

STARTING POINTS FUND

The Starting Points Funds is a federally funded program by which four year old children of working parents are allowed to attend pre-school classes.

HEALTHCARE FUND

The Healthcare fund accounts for the activity of the School System's managed health care program for its employees.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

SUMMER FEEDING

The Summer Feeding fund is a federally funded program designed to serve nutritional meals to children during the summer months.

TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE

The purpose of this grant is to develop, adapt, or expand existing and new applications of technology to support reform effort, fund projects to improve student learning and support professional development and administrative support, and acquire connectivity linkages, resources and services to include the acquisition of hardware and software.

K-8 ACCOUNTABILITY

The K-8 Accountability Fund accounts for state funds received through the state reward program. The reward program gives funds to certain schools that have shown educational improvement over the past year. The funds may be used by the schools for anything except teacher salary.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

This fund includes lunch and breakfast operations and accounts for the financial activities of the food service program in the school system during the regular school term. The basic goals of this program are to serve nutritionally, attractive, and moderately priced meals, to help children grow both socially and emotionally, to extend educational influence to the home of school children, and to provide learning experiences that will improve children's food habits with the ultimate goal of physically fit adults.

BOND SINKING FUND

The 1981 Bond Sinking Fund is used to pay the 1981 bond issue. The bond was issued by the School Board for the purpose of acquiring land, buildings and furnishings. This issue is financed by a one percent sales and use tax approved by the voters of Ascension Parish on April 5, 1980.

CONSTRUCTION FUND

The Construction Fund accounts for proceeds from bond issues dedicated for the construction of new schools.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS-
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2005

	Title V	Special Education	Title IV	Vocational Education	Head Start
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	10,136	303,182	18,230	81,072	334,441
Due from other funds	-	5,693	300	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	5,885	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,136	\$ 314,760	\$ 18,530	\$ 81,072	\$ 334,541
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:					
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ 140,577	\$ 9,550	\$ -	\$ 128,426
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	917	41,728	2,852	-	36,509
Accounts payable	(63)	18,686	550	6,137	139,509
Deferred revenues	-	9,616	-	-	-
Due to other funds	9,282	104,153	5,578	74,935	30,097
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,136	314,760	18,530	81,072	334,541
Fund balances:					
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, undesignated	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 10,136	\$ 314,760	\$ 18,530	\$ 81,072	\$ 334,541

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Adult Education	Title II	Workforce Investment	ROTC
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-
86,828	525,578	5,519	35,968
-	-	15,150	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 86,828</u>	<u>\$ 525,578</u>	<u>\$ 20,669</u>	<u>\$ 35,968</u>

\$ 21,637	\$ 91,340	\$ 7,401	\$ -
3,942	28,586	2,306	-
196	92	2,322	1,603
4,906	-	-	-
54,022	405,560	-	30,440
<u>84,703</u>	<u>525,578</u>	<u>12,029</u>	<u>32,043</u>

-	-	-	-
2,125	-	8,640	3,925
<u>2,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,640</u>	<u>3,925</u>

<u>\$ 86,828</u>	<u>\$ 525,578</u>	<u>\$ 20,669</u>	<u>\$ 35,968</u>
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ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS-
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2005

	Title III	Title XIX	Starting Points	School Lunch
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,338
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables	10,716	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	68,186	8,480	81,042
Inventory	-	-	-	70,488
Other assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 10,716</u>	<u>\$ 68,186</u>	<u>\$ 8,480</u>	<u>\$ 229,868</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ 9,302	\$ 5,963	\$ 298,150
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	-	2,618.00	2,517	101,605
Accounts payable	-	-	-	112,411
Deferred revenues	-	4,174	-	-
Due to other funds	10,716	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>10,716</u>	<u>16,094</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>512,166</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, undesignated	-	52,092	-	(282,298)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>52,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(282,298)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 10,716</u>	<u>\$ 68,186</u>	<u>\$ 8,480</u>	<u>\$ 229,868</u>

Summer Feeding	Construction	Title I	Technology Literacy Challenge
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-
-	-	1,195,768	72,243
14,878	639,842	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 14,878</u>	<u>\$ 639,842</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,768</u>	<u>\$ 72,243</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,149	\$ -
-	-	58,185	-
5,716	639,842	6,934	2,325.00
18,941	-	-	-
-	-	976,500	69,918
<u>24,657</u>	<u>639,842</u>	<u>1,195,768</u>	<u>72,243</u>
-	-	-	-
(9,779)	-	-	-
<u>(9,779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 14,878</u>	<u>\$ 639,842</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,768</u>	<u>\$ 72,243</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS-
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2005

	K-8 Accountability	Bond Sinking Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 238,871	\$ 317,309
Investments	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	2,679,681
Due from other funds	222,666	339,293	1,395,530
Inventory	-	-	70,488
Other assets	-	-	5,885
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 222,666	\$ 578,164	\$ 4,468,893
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 866,495
Payroll deductions and withholdings payable	-	-	281,765
Accounts payable	6,386	-	942,646
Deferred revenues	-	-	37,637
Due to other funds	-	192,853	1,964,054
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,386	192,853	4,092,597
Fund balances:			
Reserved for debt service	-	385,311	385,311
Unreserved, undesignated	216,280	-	(9,015)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	216,280	385,311	376,296
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 222,666	\$ 578,164	\$ 4,468,893

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Title V	Special Education	Title IV	Vocational Education	Head Start
REVENUES					
Local sources:					
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Advalorem taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
State sources:					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources:					
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	70,278	2,791,037	85,823	155,336	1,789,503
TOTAL REVENUES	70,278	2,791,037	85,823	155,336	1,789,503
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Instruction:					
Regular education programs	-	-	-	-	-
Special education programs	-	2,237,191	-	-	-
Other education programs	60,582	-	-	148,664	1,422,808
Support services:					
Pupil support services	-	109,480	84,140	-	43,749
Instructional staff services	6,480	159,568	-	6,672	100,800
School administration services	-	-	-	-	-
Business services	-	62,533	-	-	-
Plant operation and maintenance	-	76	-	-	269
Student transportation services	-	2,717	-	-	221,877
Central Services	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Instructional services:					
Food service	-	-	-	-	-
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:					
General administration	-	-	-	-	-
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	67,062	2,571,565	84,140	155,336	1,789,503
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,216	219,472	1,683	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-
Current refunding of debt	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(3,216)	(219,472)	(1,683)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(3,216)	(219,472)	(1,683)	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2004	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Adult Education	Title II	Workforce Investment	ROTC
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
54,921	-	86,102	-
116,371	890,154	-	204,317
<u>171,292</u>	<u>890,154</u>	<u>86,102</u>	<u>204,317</u>
-	-	-	-
171,292	703,010	-	-
-	-	86,052	203,579
-	-	-	-
-	142,505	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	50	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
<u>171,292</u>	<u>845,515</u>	<u>86,102</u>	<u>203,579</u>
-	44,639	-	738
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	(44,639)	-	-
-	(44,639)	-	-
-	-	-	738
<u>2,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,640</u>	<u>3,187</u>
<u>\$ 2,125</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,640</u>	<u>\$ 3,925</u>

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ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Title III	Title XIX	Starting Points	School Lunch
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,225
Advalorem taxes	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	1,648,661
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	-	624,000
Restricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-
Federal sources:				
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	20,406	112,278	21,089	3,713,662
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>20,406</u>	<u>112,278</u>	<u>21,089</u>	<u>6,002,548</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction:				
Regular education programs	18,433	-	-	-
Special education programs	-	-	-	-
Other education programs	-	-	21,089	-
Support services:				
Pupil support services	1,363	70,694	-	-
Instructional staff services	-	-	-	-
School administration services	-	-	-	-
Business services	-	-	-	2,048
Plant operation and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	-	-	-	-
Central Services	-	-	-	-
Non-Instructional services:				
Food service	-	-	-	6,051,231
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
General administration	-	-	-	-
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and bank charges	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>19,796</u>	<u>70,694</u>	<u>21,089</u>	<u>6,053,279</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>610</u>	<u>41,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,731)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-
Current refunding of debt	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(610)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>(610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	41,584	-	(50,731)
Fund balance, June 30, 2004	-	10,508	-	(231,567)
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2005	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 52,092</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (282,298)</u>

Summer Feeding	Construction	Title I	Technology Literacy Challenge
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-
245	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
33,602	-	2,611,782	79,696
<u>33,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,611,782</u>	<u>79,696</u>
-	-	-	-
-	-	2,144,480	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	337,833	77,196
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	2,500
33,847	-	-	-
-	4,647,111	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
<u>33,847</u>	<u>4,647,111</u>	<u>2,482,313</u>	<u>79,696</u>
-	(4,647,111)	129,469	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	413,487	-	-
-	-	(129,469)	-
-	413,487	(129,469)	-
-	(4,233,624)	-	-
(9,779)	4,233,624	-	-
<u>\$ (9,779)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	K-8 Accountability	Bond Sinking Fund	Total
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ 390	\$ 16,615
Advalorem taxes	-	-	-
Other	-	-	1,648,906
State sources:			
Unrestricted grants-in-aid, MFP	-	-	624,000
Restricted grants-in-aid	-	-	141,023
Federal sources:			
Restricted grants-in-aid - subgrants	-	-	12,695,334
TOTAL REVENUES	-	390	15,125,878
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction:			
Regular education programs	-	-	18,433
Special education programs	-	-	5,255,973
Other education programs	-	-	1,942,774
Support services:			
Pupil support services	-	-	309,426
Instructional staff services	-	-	831,054
School administration services	-	-	-
Business services	-	-	64,581
Plant operation and maintenance	-	-	395
Student transportation services	-	-	224,594
Central Services	-	-	2,500
Non-Instructional services:			
Food service	-	-	6,085,078
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	4,647,111
Debt service:			
General administration	-	-	-
Principal retirement	-	-	-
Interest and bank charges	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	19,381,919
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	390	(4,256,041)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-
Current refunding of debt	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	-	413,487
Operating transfers out	-	-	(399,089)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	-	14,398
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	390	(4,241,643)
Fund balance, June 30, 2004	216,280	384,921	4,617,939
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2005	\$ 216,280	\$ 385,311	\$ 376,296

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBERS' COMPENSATION

	<u>June 30, 2005</u>
Steve Broussard	\$ 9,600
Taft Kleinpeter	9,600
Kerry Diez	9,600
Catherine Davis	9,600
Jody Elisar	9,600
A.J. Nickens	9,600
Troy Gautreau	9,600
Edward Price – President	10,800
Patricia Russo	9,600
Harold Jarreau	9,600
John Murphy	<u>9,600</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 106,800</u>



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Members of the Ascension
Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining information fund information of Ascension Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Ascension Parish School Board's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ascension Parish School Board's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Governmental Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ascension Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the School Board, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

November 21, 2005

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

The Members of the Ascension
Parish School Board
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Ascension Parish School Board with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005. Ascension Parish School Board's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Ascension Parish School Board's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Ascension Parish School Board's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Ascension Parish School Board's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Ascension Parish School Board's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Ascension Parish School Board complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Ascension Parish School Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ascension Parish School Board's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.



Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining information of Ascension Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2005. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Ascension School Board's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not required as a part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information of the School Board, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



November 21, 2005

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Donaldsonville, Louisiana
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through No.</u>	<u>CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES 6/30/05</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
Summer Feeding	LDE/SFSP-90	10.559	\$ 33,602
Passed through Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry:			
Food Distribution Program	LDE/103-63	10.550	486,939
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
National School Lunch Program	LDE/103-63	10.555	2,578,384
School Breakfast Program	LDE/103-63	10.553	648,339
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			<u>3,747,264</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education:			
Adult Education - State-Administered Program	0344-03	84.002A	116,371
Title I	03-T1-03	84.010A	2,611,782
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	0302-03	84.048	155,336
Title V	03-80-03	84.298A	70,278
Title II	03-50-03	84.367A	890,154
Special Education - IDEA - Part B	02-B2-03-C	84.027A	2,675,156
Special Education - IDEA - Preschool	03-P1-03	84.173A	115,881
Title IV	03-70-03	84.186A	85,823
Title III	03-60-03	84.365A	20,406
Starting Points	0338-03	93.558	21,089
Technology Literacy Challenge	0349-03	84.318	79,696
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>6,841,972</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</u>			
Direct Program			
Administration for children, youth and families - Head Start	06-CH0217/20	93.600	1,789,503
Passed through Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals -			
Preventative Health and Human Services Block			
Grant Title XIX	1415090	93.991	70,694
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT			<u>1,860,197</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>			
ROTC Grant	3039b-01MDJRROTC	None	204,317
<u>FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</u>			
Louisiana Department of Military Affairs			
FEMA		83.844	2,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE			<u>\$ 12,656,210</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Ascension Parish School Board and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.

NOTE B – FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. At June 30, 2005, the organization had food commodities totaling \$30,142 in inventory.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Ascension Parish School Board.
2. There were no instances of noncompliance relative to the financial statements of Ascension Parish School Board reported in Part B of this schedule.
3. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award program for Ascension Parish School Board expresses an unqualified opinion.
4. There were no audit findings relative to the major federal award program for Ascension Parish School Board reported in Part C. of this schedule.
5. The programs tested as a major program were School Lunch-CFDA Number 10.550,10.555 and 10.553 and Title II – CFDA Number 84.367A
6. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$379,686.
7. Ascension Parish School Board was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

A. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2004-01 AUDIT LAWS

Condition: The School Board did not submit financial statements within six months of the close of the entity's fiscal year as a result of not completing fixed assets records in a timely manner.

Criteria: LSA-RS24:513 (5)(a) requires the engagement to be completed within six months of the close of the entity's fiscal year.

Effect: The Board's financial statements were not submitted timely.

Recommendation: The School Board should prepare fixed assets records in a timely manner.

B. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None

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**Independent Accountant's Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

To the Members of the
Ascension Parish School Board

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Ascension Parish School Board and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist users in evaluating management's assertions about the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of Ascension Parish School Board and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Bulletin. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings relate to the accompanying schedules of supplemental information and are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule A)

Procedure #1:

We selected a random sample of 25 transactions and reviewed supporting documentation to determine if the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:

- Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
- Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
- Total Local Taxation Revenue,
- Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
- Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
- Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
- Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

Results of procedure # 1:

In performing the testing on the sample of expenditures/revenues, we noted no transactions that were inappropriately classified or were recorded at an inappropriate amount.

Education Levels of Public School Staff (Schedule B)

Procedure # 2

We reconciled the total number of full-time classroom teachers per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule D) to the combined total number of full-time classroom teachers per this schedule and to school board supporting payroll records as of October 1st.

Results of Procedure # 2:

No differences were noted between the number of full-time classroom teachers per schedule 4 and schedule 2, or between the schedules and the Oct. 1 payroll records.

Procedure # 3

We reconciled the combined total of principals and assistant principals per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule D) to the combined total of principals and assistant principals per this schedule.

Results of procedure # 3

No differences were noted between the number of principals and assistant principals per schedule D and schedule B, or between the schedules and the Oct. 1 payroll records.

Procedure # 4

We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October 1st and as reported on the schedule. We traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determine if the individual's education level was properly classified on the schedule.

Results of Procedure # 4:

In our sample of 25 employees, no discrepancies existed between the aforementioned listing and the schedule.

Number and Type of Public Schools (Schedule C)

Procedure # 5

We obtained a list of schools by type as reported on the schedule. We compared the list to the schools and grade levels as reported on the Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (CFDA 84.010) application.

Results of Procedure # 5:

We noted no discrepancies between the schools as listed in the National School Lunch Program application and the list supporting the schools represented in the schedule.

Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers (Schedule D)

Procedure #6

We obtained a list of full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification as of October 1 and as reported on the schedule and traced the same sample used in procedure 4 to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's experience was properly classified on the schedule.

Results of Procedure # 6:

In our sample of 25 employees, no discrepancies existed between the aforementioned listing and the schedule.

Public Staff Data (Schedule E)

Procedure # 7

We obtained a list of all classroom teachers including their base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status as well as full-time equivalent as reported on the schedule and traced a random sample of 25 teachers to the individual's personnel file and determined if the individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the schedule.

Results of procedure # 7:

In our sample of 25 employees, no discrepancies existed between the aforementioned listing and the schedule.

Procedure # 8

We recalculated the average salaries and full-time equivalents reported in the schedule.

Results of procedure # 8:

We noted no differences in the averages reported on the schedule and our calculations.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule F)

Procedure # 9

We obtained a list of teachers and the classes that they teach with the class size and reconciled that list to the total classes for each class size category as reported on the schedule. We then traced a random sample of 10 classes to the October 1st roll books for those classes and determined if the class was properly classified on the schedule.

Results of Procedure # 9

In our sample of 10 classes, 6 were not in agreement with the aforementioned listing and the schedule.

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century (Schedule G)

Procedure # 10

We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Ascension Parish School Board.

Results of Procedure # 10:

No differences were noted.

The Graduation Exit Exam for the 21st Century (Schedule H)

Procedure # 11

We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Ascension Parish School Board.

Results of Procedure #11

No differences were noted.

The Iowa Tests (Schedule I)

Procedure # 12

We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and reconciled scores as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the Ascension Parish School Board.

Results of Procedure # 12

No differences were noted.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Ascension Parish School Board, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Legislature, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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November 21, 2005

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Schedules Required by State Law (R.S. 24:514 - Performance and Statistical Data)
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule A - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources

This schedule includes general fund instructional and equipment expenditures. It also contains local taxation revenue, earnings on investments, revenue in lieu of taxes, and nonpublic textbook and transportation revenue. This data is used either in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula or is presented annually in the MFP 70% Expenditure Requirement Report.

Schedule B - Education Levels of Public School Staff

This schedule includes the certificated and uncertificated number and percentage of full-time classroom teachers and the number and percentage of principals and assistant principal's with less than a Bachelor's; Master's; Master's +30; Specialist in Education; and Ph. D or Ed. D. degrees. This data is currently reported to the Legislature in the Annual Financial and Statistical Report (AFSR).

Schedule C - Number and Type of Public Schools

This schedule includes the number of elementary, middle/junior high, secondary and combination schools in operation during the fiscal year. This data is currently reported to the Legislature in the Annual Financial Statistical Report (AFSR).

Schedule D - Experience of Public Teachers and Full-time Classroom Teachers

This schedule includes the number of years of experience in teaching for assistant principals, principals, and full-time classroom teachers. This data is currently reported to the Legislature in the Annual Financial and Statistical Report (AFSR).

Schedule E - Public School Staff Data

This schedule includes average classroom teachers salary using full-time equivalents, including and excluding ROTC and rehired retiree teachers. This data is currently reported to the Legislature in the Annual Financial and Statistical Report (AFSR).

Schedule F - Class Size Characteristics

This schedule includes the percent and number of classes with student enrollment in the following ranges: 1-20, 21-26, 27-33, and 34+ students. This data is currently reported to the legislature in the Annual School Report (ASR).

Schedule G - Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)

This schedule represents student performance testing data and includes summary scores by district for grades 4 and 8 in each category tested. Scores are reported as Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Approaching Basic, and Unsatisfactory. This schedule includes three years of data.

Schedule H - The Graduation Exit Exam

This schedule represents student performance testing data and includes summary scores by district for grades 10 and 11 in each category tested. Scores are reported as Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Approaching Basic, and Unsatisfactory. This schedule includes three years of data.

Schedule I - The IOWA Tests

This schedule represents student performance testing data and includes a summary score for grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9 for each district. The summary score reported is the National Percentile Rank showing relative position or rank as compared to a large, representative sample of students in the same grade from the entire nation. This schedule includes three years of data.

Schedule A

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures

General Fund Instructional Expenditures:

Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:

Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$ 41,301,467	
Other Instructional Staff Activities	5,778,161	
Employee Benefits	17,916,095	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	248,353	
Instructional Materials and Supplies	1,122,297	
Instructional Equipment	728,246	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		\$ 67,094,618

Other Instructional Activities 107,267

Pupil Support Activities 4,639,781
 Less: Equipment for Pupil Support -
 Net Pupil Support Activities 4,639,781

Instructional Staff Services 4,298,836
 Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services 60,870
 Net Instructional Staff Services 4,237,965

Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures \$ 76,079,631

Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures \$ 1,889,244

Certain Local Revenue Sources

Local Taxation Revenue:

Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,789,196
Renewable Ad Valorem Tax	16,954,659
Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax	7,494,410
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes	466,384
Sales and Use Taxes	29,755,177
Total Local Taxation Revenue	\$ 56,459,825

State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:

Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax	\$ 162,802
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes	-
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion	-
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	-
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 162,802

Nonpublic Textbook Revenue \$ 44,032

Nonpublic Transportation Revenue \$ 134,708

Schedule B

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**Education Levels of Public School Staff
As of October 1, 2004**

Category	Full-time Classroom Teachers				Principals & Assistant Principals			
	Certificated		Uncertificated		Certificated		Uncertificated	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than a Bachelor's Degree	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bachelor's Degree	765	69.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Master's Degree	228	20.6%	0	0.0%	29	54.7%	0	0.0%
Master's Degree + 30	92	8.3%	0	0.0%	21	39.6%	0	0.0%
Specialist in Education	20	1.8%	0	0.0%	3	5.7%	0	0.0%
Ph. D. or Ed. D.	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	1,108	100.0%	0	0.0%	53	100.0%	0	0.0%

Schedule C

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**Number and Type of Public Schools
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Type	Number
Elementary	11
Middle/Jr. High	6
Secondary	4
Combination	1
Total	22

Note: Schools opened or closed during the fiscal year are included in this schedule.

Schedule D**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA****Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers
As of October 1, 2004**

	0-1 Yr.	2-3 Yrs.	4-10 Yrs.	11-14 Yrs.	15-19 Yrs.	20-24 Yrs.	25+ Yrs.	Total
Assistant Principals	0	0	0	2	2	4	15	23
Principals	0	0	3	5	6	3	12	29
Classroom Teachers	52	96	351	148	151	110	249	1,157
Total	52	96	354	155	159	117	276	1,209

Schedule E

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**Public School Staff Data
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	All Classroom Teachers	Classroom Teachers Excluding ROTC and Rehired Retirees
Average Classroom Teachers' Salary Including Extra Compensation	\$ 39,663	\$ 39,656
Average Classroom Teachers' Salary Excluding Extra Compensation	\$ 38,414	\$ 38,408
Number of Teacher Full-time Equivalents (FTEs) used in Computation of Average Salaries	1,157.00	1,156.00

Note: Figures reported include all sources of funding (i.e., federal, state, and local) but exclude employee benefits. Generally, retired teachers rehired to teach receive less compensation than non-retired teachers and ROTC teachers receive more compensation because of a federal supplement. Therefore, these teachers are excluded from the computation in the last column. This schedule excludes day-to-day substitutes and temporary employees.

Schedule F

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**Class Size Characteristics
As of October 1, 2004**

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34+	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	48.3%	1,266	45.6%	1,195	6.1%	159	0.0%	0
Elementary Activity Classes	27.2%	92	27.5%	93	33.4%	113	11.8%	40
Middle/Jr. High	18.9%	144	48.8%	373	32.3%	247	0.0%	0
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	10.6%	13	28.5%	35	38.2%	47	22.8%	28
High	44.1%	603	36.2%	495	19.6%	268	0.0%	0
High Activity Classes	70.3%	230	11.6%	38	10.1%	33	8.0%	26
Combination	70.6%	48	14.7%	10	14.7%	10	0.0%	0
Combination Activity Classes	90.9%	10	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1

Note: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels. The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students and maximum enrollment in grades 4-12 is 33 students. These limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, band, and other classes without maximum enrollment standards. Therefore, these classes are included only as separate line items.

Schedule G

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	2005		2004		2003		2005		2004		2003	
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 4												
Advanced	58	3.9%	63	4.8%	25	1.9%	89	6.1%	47	3.5%	53	4.0%
Proficient	315	21.4%	292	21.5%	231	17.5%	325	22.1%	248	18.3%	237	17.9%
Basic	632	43.0%	548	40.4%	629	47.6%	599	40.7%	548	40.3%	597	45.2%
Approaching Basic	313	21.3%	261	19.3%	286	21.8%	252	17.1%	260	19.2%	273	20.7%
Unsatisfactory	152	10.3%	191	14.1%	151	11.4%	205	13.9%	254	18.7%	182	12.3%
Total	1,470	100.0%	1,355	100.0%	1,322	100.0%	1,470	100.0%	1,355	100.0%	1,322	100.0%

District Achievement Level Results	Science						Social Studies					
	2005		2004		2003		2005		2004		2003	
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 8												
Advanced	27	2.1%	15	1.4%	7	0.7%	7	0.6%	9	0.8%	2	0.2%
Proficient	320	25.3%	258	23.5%	206	20.0%	250	19.8%	171	15.6%	114	11.1%
Basic	527	41.7%	457	41.7%	438	42.6%	654	51.8%	578	52.7%	530	51.7%
Approaching Basic	276	21.8%	260	23.7%	280	27.2%	229	18.1%	252	23.0%	246	24.0%
Unsatisfactory	114	9.0%	106	9.7%	97	9.4%	123	9.7%	86	7.8%	133	13.0%
Total	1,264	100.0%	1,096	100.0%	1,028	100.0%	1,263	100.0%	1,096	100.0%	1,025	100.0%

Schedule H

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

The Graduation Exit Exam for the 21st Century
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

District Achievement Level Results	English Language Arts						Mathematics					
	2005		2004		2003		2005		2004		2003	
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 10												
Advanced	10	1.0%	22	2.3%	2	0.2%	99	9.7%	100	10.4%	75	7.9%
Proficient	212	20.8%	234	24.7%	118	12.9%	205	20.1%	212	22.0%	187	19.8%
Basic	474	46.6%	469	49.4%	452	49.6%	425	41.6%	425	44.0%	402	42.6%
Approaching Basic	216	21.2%	155	16.3%	208	22.8%	150	14.7%	106	11.0%	127	13.5%
Unsatisfactory	105	10.3%	69	7.3%	132	14.5%	142	13.9%	122	12.6%	153	16.2%
Total	1,017	100.0%	949	100.0%	912	100.0%	1,021	100.0%	985	100.0%	944	100.0%

District Achievement Level Results	Science						Social Studies					
	2005		2004		2003		2005		2004		2003	
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Grade 11												
Advanced	43	4.67%	25	3.10%	13	1.53%	918	50.27%	5	0.62%	14	1.65%
Proficient	178	19.33%	161	19.95%	135	15.85%	113	6.19%	109	13.51%	121	14.24%
Basic	404	43.87%	331	41.02%	429	50.35%	554	30.34%	503	62.33%	482	56.71%
Approaching Basic	209	22.69%	199	24.66%	182	21.38%	181	8.82%	133	16.48%	162	19.06%
Unsatisfactory	87	9.45%	91	11.28%	93	10.92%	80	4.38%	57	7.06%	71	8.35%
Total	921	100.00%	807	100.00%	852	100.00%	1,828	100.00%	807	100.00%	850	100.00%

**ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA**

**The IOWA Tests
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	Composite		
	2005	2004	2003
Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)			
Grade 3	65%	67%	64%
Grade 5	64%	62%	60%
Grade 6	54%	54%	52%
Grade 7	56%	56%	55%
Tests of Educational Development (ITED)			
Grade 9	58%	54%	57%

Scores are reported by National Percentile Rank. A student's National Percentile Rank shows the student's relative position or rank as compared to a large, representative sample of students in the same grade from the entire nation. A student with a score of 72 indicates that the student scored the same or better than 72 percent of the students in the norm group.